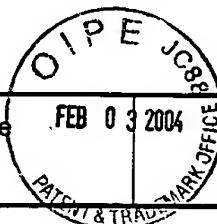


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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO
THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES (Small Entity)**

Docket No.
VAIG101

In Re Application Of: VAIS



Serial No.
10/004,999

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Examiner
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3641

Invention: MUZZLE BRAKE

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Applicant(s) hereby appeal(s) to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner dated 10/29/2003 finally rejecting Claim(s) 1-3, 9, 10, 13, AND 16

Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.

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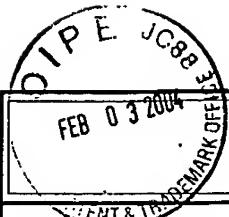
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Application No.: 10/004,999

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Filed: 12/07/2001

Title: Muzzle Brake

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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Examiner's Action dated October 29, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Response to Office Action.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this Response to Office Action.

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